

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY
May 5, 2026**

Commission President Jeffery Washington called the Commission Meeting to order on the 5th day of May, 2026 at 9:00 am and Commissioner Jamie Grant, asked the Prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM: The following 6 out of 6 Commission members were at the meeting and accordingly a quorum was present:

District 1 – Mike Powell
District 2 – Johnny Grant
District 3 – Jamie Grant

District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 6 – Craig Inzer, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Richard Rybka with Coosa Riverkeepers – Thanked everyone for the sponsorship of water sampling program. The swim guides will start on May 22nd this year.

Ray Wetzel with Gadsden Museum of Art – there will be an art fair this weekend on Broad Street and Mother’s Day market on Saturday.

Traci Pondick with RSVP – They had 40 volunteers preparing taxes this tax season and completed over 2,200 federal tax returns at 10 locations.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Upon a motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:03 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF MAY, 2026.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:25 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF MAY, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Upon a motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Powell, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following items on the Consent Agenda were approved as presented:

CONSENT AGNEDA:

CONSENT AGENDA: All items designated as “Consent” are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will be permitted unless a commissioner so requests. If so, such item(s) will revert to New Business.

- A. That the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated April 21, 2026 of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The proposed Agenda for May 5, 2026.
- C. To approve the request of Spencer Gray, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, to hire Tina Harris as Building Service Worker, effective April 29, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Maintenance, at an hourly rate of \$12.00.
- D. To place the name of Jeff Pitts in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff/SRO, effective May 26, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$17.36.
- E. To place the name of Jacob Gaskin in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff Trainee, effective May 4, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- F. To place the name of Joseph Adam Dukes-Gibbs in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff Trainee, effective April 27, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.

- G. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to award Bid No. FY 2026-10 Inmate Uniforms, on the recommendation of Captain Bradley Saylor, to Bob Barker Company, Inc and Charm-Tex, the lowest, responsible bidders.
- H. To approve the request of Melissa Lett, Purchasing Accountant, to let a new bid for Building Envelope Repairs – Judicial Center.
- I. To appoint Tim Ramsey to serve as the 2026-2027 ACCA Legislative Committee Representative for Etowah County.
- J. To approve the Agreement between City of Gadsden and Etowah County Commission Regarding Street Resurfacing for portions of Valley Street (from Tuscaloosa Avenue to Grant Street) and Lawler Circle (from Valley Street to Valley Street). This area is located in Etowah County Commission District 5, Gadsden City Council District 3 and Alabama House of Representatives District 28. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-011.
- K. To approve the Agreement between City of Attalla and Etowah County Commission Regarding Street Resurfacing for Hammond Circle. This road is located in Etowah County Commission District 5, Attalla City Council District 1, and Alabama House of Representatives District 28. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-012.
- L. To approve the Interlocal Agreement between The City of Gadsden, Etowah County Commission, and the Etowah County Sheriff’s Office for the 2025 JAG Grant. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-013.
- M. To approve the Professional Services Contract between Etowah County and G Squared, LLC., for aerial photography, triangulation, LIDAR, digital mapping, digital orthophotography, map conversion, and photogrammetry consulting services within the specified area. Also, to authorize the CAO to execute the document. This contract will be in effect through June 22, 2029. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 014.
- N. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to declare the following equipment as surplus:
 - 1 – Portable Livestock Corral (4pcs)

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF MAY, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon a motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Powell, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To approve the request of Jim Slick, ECEMA Director, to adopt the Etowah County Five-Year Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for plan years 2026-2031.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF MAY, 2026.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To approve the First Amendment to the Growing Alabama Funding Agreement by and between the Alabama Department of Commerce and the Etowah County Commission and to authorize the Commission President to execute the document. This amendment combines excess funding from the three different Growing Alabama grant awards, and modifies the scope to allow for sewer infrastructure construction. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-015.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF MAY, 2026.

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

- Chief Administrative Officer**
- County Engineer**
- County Attorney**
- Other**

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

Everyone thanked the EMA and Sheriff’s Office personnel on the job well done last week. Commissioner Inzer thanked Shane for all the work he puts in the Growing Alabama grants. Commissioner Johnny Grant commented, it was so good seeing all the agencies working together. Commissioner Washington said it is an effort on all parts to come together and work with all cities.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a motion from Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members present voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Mike Powell, Commissioner, District 1

Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4

Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2

Jeffery Washington, President, District 5

Jamie Grant, Commissioner, District 3

Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6